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Serial No.: 10/820,670

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Specification

The disclosure was objected to because the cross-reference to related applications listed the application number rather than the issued patent number of the parent application. Paragraph 1 of the specification is amended to replace the application number with the issued patent number and date of issue. The objection is thereby traversed.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 31-75.

Double Patenting

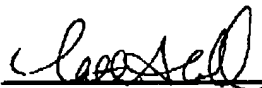
Claims 31-75 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of Applicant's United States Patent No. 6,735,293. Applicant encloses an executed terminal disclaimer to obviate a double patenting rejection. The rejection is thereby traversed. Please charge the Terminal Disclaimer fee due to Deposit Account No. 22-0190.

For reasons set forth above, this application is now considered to be in a condition for immediate allowance. Favourable reconsideration and earlier issuance of a Notice of Allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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